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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 117 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/53/744.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 52nd and 53rd meetings, on 22 and 23 March 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.52 and 53).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States (A/53/826);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/53/827);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of economy measures on the delivery of mandated conference services (A/53/833).

II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chairman

4. At the 53rd meeting, on 23 March, the Chairman of the Committee orally proposed a draft decision entitled "Pattern of conferences".

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5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States[1] and on improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;[2]

(b) Decides to transmit the report of the Secretary-General on the impact of economy measures on the delivery of mandated conference services[3] to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for consideration in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001, taking into account the views expressed by Member States.[4]

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[1] A/53/826.

[2] A/53/827.

[3] A/53/833.

[4] A/C.5/53/SR.52.